Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" May I know from the hon. the Chief Minister whether it is the practice of the Surgeons of the General Hospital to leave the operations in the hands of their raw assistants? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" Is the hon. the Chief Minister aware that such things are more common in the ward of the Second Surgeon than in any other wards? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" I do not know."

Mr. C. BASU DEV :—" Is not the hon. Member pursuing a personal vendetta against the Second Surgeon of the General Hospital? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is not a supplementary question. Order, order."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" Will the hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to call for information on the matter, in view of the reports that sepsis and deaths are more common in the wards of the Second Surgeon than in the wards of the other Surgeons? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" I do not think it is necessary to call for papers, because there is nothing at all to show that the information of the hon. Member is correct."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that there is much professional jealousy against the Second Surgeon of the General Hospital? "

(No reply.)

Motor Vehicles Taxation

Measures for the relief of the burden of taxation on motor vehicles.

* 584 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what action do the Government propose to take to lessen the burden of taxation on motor buses and taxis?

A.—The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Agency Tracts

Introduction of new Oriya books in the elementary schools in the Agency tracts.

* 585 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of the proposed purchase of new Oriya books for the elementary schools in the Agency of Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts during this year;

(*b*) whether he is aware of the fact that about a year back, new books for elementary classes and specially Sahityankura and Saralasikhya were introduced;

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(*c*) the reason why new books were introduced this year in spite of retrenchment;

(*d*) whether he has consulted private managers of elementary schools or at least the Missions, their opinion and also the financial strain such changes entail;

(*e*) whether all the proposed books are approved and published; and

(*f*) whether the respective District Educational Officers and the Director of Public Instruction were consulted before the change?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*f*) The Government have not the information. It has been called for.

Economic Condition

Closure of rubber estates in Ernad taluk and consequent unemployment.

* 586 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Collector of Malabar reported to Government regarding the existence of acute distress among the workers who owing to the closure of some rubber estates in Ernad taluk, in Malabar, have been placed out of employment;

(*b*) what action Government have taken or propose to take to alleviate distress;

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House the report of the Collector of Malabar and the Board of Revenue on the matter; and

(*d*) whether Government are aware of similar conditions prevailing in the areas where tea estates exist?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) As a result of his visit to the locality, the Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement recommended that the work of repairing and improving the Kalikavu-Wandur road should be put in hand so as to give work for the distressed families. The proposal was sanctioned by the Government.

(*c*) No. The Government do not think that any useful purpose would be served by doing so.

(*d*) The Government are not aware that the fact is as stated.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know if the Government have formulated any policy to deal with the question of unemployment in the country?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"As far as I know, they have not formulated any policy."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know whether the proposed Kalikavu-Wandur road will give sufficient work to the distressed people in the locality?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Yes; there are no reasons to indicate that it will not be sufficient."